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Mr. Vivian, a London grain broker, estimates the world's supply of wheat in 1886 at 2,114,877,703 bushels, of which Europe furnished 1,175,505,294 bushels and the United States 939,332,468 bushels.

It would seem that with age people grow the tendency to commit crime. Mr. D. R. Brockway, in the *New York Post*, points out that of 15,000 prisoners in New York State 10,000 of them are not more than thirty years of age, while probably 8,000 are under twenty-five years.

A medical journal says "the application of a bit of ice to the lobes of the ear will stop hiccuping." Commenting upon this statement the *New York Post* facetiously observes: "All a man who is accustomed to hiccuping has to do then is to carry a bit of ice around in his vest pocket and he can cure himself instantly. Without medical journals this world would be a very sickly world."

"Some idea of the immense resources of this country," says the Washington *Advertiser*, "may be gained from the fact that since 1850 the Government has paid in pensions, in round numbers, \$85,000,000, and of this enormous sum all except \$10,000,000 was paid since the Civil War. In 1867 the interest on the national debt was \$14,900,000, and in those thirty-one years \$1,157,00,000 has been paid to the holders of Government bonds."

Jonathan Bass, of Cambria, N. Y., is a solid man. In 1818 his joints began to stiffen and grow into solid bone in his back to his bed, and then he lies now perfectly stiff, every joint solid, unable to stir, unable to mystify food, and blind. Yet beats the heart est food by sucking it into his mouth and swallowing it whole. His constitutional healths are bad, he keeps him off informed on current topics, and is likely to live many years yet. He is now fifty-six years old and weighs but seventy-five pounds.

Maggie Beallard, a seventeen-year-old girl, living at Banksville, Allegheny county, Penn., has been in a trance for over two years, with the exception of three short lucid intervals. She fell down stairs in August, 1884, injured her spine and was permanently paralyzed. She does not know the names of the living, but sometimes bows and smiles when dead relatives or friends are mentioned, and indiates with her arms and eyes that she sees them. She sings hymns, but instead of the time to which she learned the words she sings songs which have never been heard before. Their rhythm and harmony are perfect and they are sweet and beautiful. Her mother and all her relatives firmly believe they are the songs of angels which she has heard and learned by hearing them singing.

The news of early rising will be delighted to hear the opinion of a German doctor, who has been collecting information about the habits of long-lived persons, and finds that the majority of long-livers indulged in late hours. At least eight out of every ten persons over eighty never went to bed until well into the small hours, and did not get up again until the day. Indeed, he concludes that getting up early tends to exhaust physical power and to shorten life, while the so-called invigorating early hours are, he thinks, apt to produce lassitude, and are positively dangerous to some constitutions. These doctors are always discovering that something or other is unhealthy which everybody has supposed to be necessary for health. And by one of them will die over that it is unhealthy to consult a medical man, and he will soon become popular.

A successful attempt at co-operative farming is reported in England. A company of city workmen, tradesmen and mechanics in London, who were out of employment, united in an association which rents a remaining down farm of 181 acres near London. They paid a comparatively high rental for such land, thirty-five shillings (\$8.75) per acre, but put so much labor on it that the enterprise was a success. The land was enriched and devoted largely to market gardening and dairying, the latter increasing as the association secured capital to purchase cows. Formerly only four men were employed on the farm. Now it gives constant employment to forty, with proportionate increase of profit. This, the *New York Mail and Express* thinks, is probably a suggestive experiment for unemployed workmen in this country. It is incomparably easy to secure land on favorable terms.

British sages have been considering the science of falling in love. At the recent British Association meeting, Sir George Campbell suggested that a vast race improvement would be brought about by pairing individuals according to physiological fitness instead of yielding to foolishness as about love. This has led Mr. Grant Allen to show that the instinct of love is usually excited by complementary natures and the biologically excellent traits of youth, beauty and strength. This condition is most favorable to improvement, and justifies the old theme of the novelist and the poet. It is marriage on some other basis—for money, rank or other practical reasons—that results in deterioration. Let the word be urged for science that it may no influence public sentiments that even more fitting selection will be made under the unconscious direction of its teachings—that, in fact, it may educate love.

On a recent Sunday a census of the attendance of the churches of London was taken. It showed that 400,000 persons attended the services in the morning, and 110,000 at night. The largest established church, St. Paul's Cathedral, had an evening attendance of 3,405. Mr. Spurgeon's church was at the head of the dissenting churches, having a morning attendance of 4,519, and an evening attendance of 1,000.

The assertion of Dr. J. H. Kellogg in his speech to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in session at Minneapolis, that a person can become drunk on tea recalls to the Chicago *News* a case in point. In 1874 a man named Kelly was tried in St. Paul for killing a neighbor named Lamb. The jury, after reading the evidence and the judge's charge, retired and proceeded to disagree with great unanimity. Pretty soon a deputy sheriff came in and took the jurors over to the American House for dinner. One of the jurors who knew the ways of the house, called a dining room girl to him and told her that when a juror ordered tea she must go out to the bar and get a teacupful of whisky for him. Then he whispered the information to his brother jurors, and the result was that nearly every member of that jury went back to the jury room so drunk that the wonder is they did not bring a verdict to hang the judge or the prosecuting attorney. That is one case surely, says the *News*, wherein it was shown that Dr. Kellogg is right when he says a person can become drunk on tea.

A metropolitan paper has this to say about the practice of docking horses' tails: "Henry Berg will do a good work if he succeeds in stopping the cruelty involved in the docking of horses' tails. A horse with his tail complete looks better than a horse with only a stump of a tail, and his defense against flies is too obvious an argument to need mentioning. If, however, the docking is to be continued, the owners of the horses thus disfigured ought to be made to serve the animal's life time. An aged gentleman who rides a stout, bold-backed horse in the park every warm day sets the example. The tail of which his horse was robbed, or rather the hair belonging to it, has been carefully dressed and fitted to a light stock, and as he rides the old gentleman keeps it going. The boy face, was pressed tight against the tail, and his defense against flies is too obvious an argument to need mentioning. 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The State Treasurer realized \$5,000 from the sale of drummers' licenses during the month of November.

—Alabama reports an increase in the amount of her taxable property of \$35,000,000. One third of the taxes goes for education.

—Of 14,000 chimneys in Charles ton but 100 escaped injury by the earthquakes. The total damage is now estimated at \$3,000,000.

—The two trials of Alderman McQuade cost New York city \$70,000. At this rate it will cost \$500,000 to convict all the indicted Aldermen.

—Mr. Joseph H. Harper, junior member of the firm of Harper Brothers, publishers, New York, died at Munich last week, where he has been consul for two years.

—Hon. W. R. Reid is said not to be in his seat at Washington. He is in financial trouble, owing \$35,000 with assets scarcely one-fifth that amount. His property is heavily mortgaged.

—The number of postage stamps issued during the year was 1,600,000, valued at \$33,000,000. They cost less than 7 cents per thousand. Twenty years ago they cost over twenty cents per thousand.

—The Methodists, exclusive of ministers, in the N. C. Conference number 93,000—the largest number in the South.—*Raleigh Visitor*.

—According to the latest assessments, the real estate and personal property in North Carolina is valued at \$230,000,000, an increase of \$6,000,000 over last year.—*Ib.*

—A little over a half century ago the government was actively engaged in driving the Indians from Florida; now the United States authorities are engaged in bringing them back to that state.—*Ib.*

—The United States paid more money during the last year for salaries of postoffice employees than any other country. A careful estimate of the mail matter of all kinds exchanged throughout the world in one day places the total at 11,640,000, or about five pieces for every human being.—*Ib.*

—The untidy appearance of a grizzly beard should never be allowed. Buckinghams Dye for the Whiskers will change their color to a brown or black, at discretion, and thus keep up your reputation for neatness and good looks.

—The winter rush to Florida has already commenced in earnest, and the indications are that the season will be the most successful ever known. One train from Savannah, Ga., last week, carried over 250 first class passengers for Florida. The hotels are rapidly filling up. Millions of dollars have been expended in hotels in Florida, and it has probably more fine hotels for the number of towns than any State in the Union. Those at Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Fernandina and De Land are of the first rank.

—And now a great conspiracy is reported, by which systematic stealing has been going on at Buffalo, New York, in connection with the vast grain elevating interests of that city. The thefts have been the heaviest ever known in Buffalo, and the thieves are men well known, respected and occupying prominent positions in business and social circles. Thousands of bushels of grain have been stolen from elevators, and the sensation is great in proportion. So goes the corruption of the age, eating its way into every class of society and spreading with the rapidity of a pestilence. Its apparently irresistible progress argues ill for the happiness of coming generations.—*New York and Observer*.

United States Prisoners.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for January furnishes a generous instalment of the novel attractions for the coming year in four strong and fresh combinations, the first part of Sir Edward Reed's "Continental Navies," the commencement of the series of Southern articles in Charles Dudley Warner's "New Orleans"; Millett's "Summer Campaign with the Cossacks"; starting the series of Eastern Papers, and the initial instalment of Kathleen O'Meara's Russian novel, "Narka." Besides these special features, the number contains a double instalment of Blackmore's "Springhaven," the continuation of Roe's "Home Aero," a capital story by R. M. Johnston, "A Note on Impressionist Painting," by Theodore Child, several short poems, and the richly laden departments.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18.—A Kokomo special reports that gas was struck in well No. 2 at that point yesterday, and in running the drill the gas was by some means ignited. A terrific explosion followed, and thirty-five persons were more or less injured. The force of the explosion threw everybody to the ground, which probably explains why the injured were not fatally burned.

NASHVILLE, December 16.—General William G. Harding, the venerable proprietor of the noted Belle Meade stock farm, seven miles from Nashville, died last night, aged 70 years. He was born on the Belle Meade farm, which was first cultivated by his father, and was one of the most noted of stockmen in Tennessee.

HAPPENINGS IN THE STATE.

FROM WASHINGTON.—The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the payment, without rebate, of the interest due January 1, 1887, on the United States four per cent. bonds of the loan of 1907, amounting to about 9,000,000; and also the bonds issued to the Pacific Railway Companies, upon the presentation of coupon and interest checks at the Treasury at Washington or at any of the Sub-Treasuries. Checks for registered interest will be mailed to bondholders as soon as prepared.

—The decrease of the expenditures of government for the last fiscal year, as compared with the previous year, was \$4,240,282.65. Such is genuine reform under a democratic administration. This is the way it was saved in one year.

Salaries, Treasury, \$158,965.32.

Treasury-miscellaneous, \$207,017.06.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing, \$201,987.63. Internal Revenue, \$155,944.99. Coast and Geodetic Survey, \$41,046.22. Collection of revenue from customs, \$568,575. Total, \$1,611,052.09.

—Earthquake Points.

The Charleston earthquake has caused the leading scientists of Europe to give the world the full benefit of their studies in seismology. It will be of interest to summarize the views of these experts. The scientists agree on the following points:

1. The causes of earthquakes are not known.

2. No accurate prediction can be made of their time, place and duration.

3. No connection has been traced between the weather and earth quakes.

Volcanoes and earthquakes are both due to the same general cause. The globe passes through periods of special volcanic activity, and these periods range in duration from two to twenty years. We are passing through such a period now, and it has already lasted six years.

It is believed that there is an earth split under Charleston, and the earth in that locality has been in slow motion for many years. It may be centuries, however, before any severe convolution occurs.

Perhaps the most threatening spot in the country is in Wyoming Territory. The geysers there will probably develop into active volcanoes, but the change is not likely to take place for some hundreds of years to come.

Change of Schedule on the Piedmont Air-Line, Richmond & Danville R. R.

A change in the movement of trains on the Richmond & Danville R. R. went into effect Sunday, Dec. 19th, at 12 o'clock.

The New Orleans Fast Mail will leave Washington at 9 a.m., Lynchburg 4.00 p. m., Danville 6.45 p. m., Richmond 1.30 p. m., Greensboro 9.05 p. m., Salisbury 11.06 p. m., Charlotte 12.45 a. m., arriving at Atlanta 11.40 a. m., Raleigh 6.50 a. m., Goldsboro 11.20 a. m.

The Southern Express will leave Washington at 11.00 p. m., Charlottesville 3.00 a. m., Lynchburg 5.15 a. m., Richmond 2.30 a. m., Danville 7.30 a. m., Greensboro 9.48 a. m., Salisbury 11.13 a. m., Charlotte 1.00 p. m., arriving at Atlanta 10.40 p. m., Columbia 1.52 p. m., Augusta 9.20 p. m., Raleigh 1.50 p. m., Goldsboro 4.40 p. m.

The Louisville express will leave Washington at 5.30 p. m., arriving at Charlottesville 10.05 p. m., Cincinnati 6.00 p. m.

The Washington Fast Mail will leave Atlanta at 8.40 a. m., Augusta 9.20 a. m., Columbia 1.35 p. m., Charlotte 11.45 p. m., Goldsboro 5.00 p. m., Raleigh 11.45 p. m., Salisbury 6.06 p. m., Greensboro 9.55 p. m., Danville 10.05 p. m., Lynchburg 2.05 a. m., arriving at Richmond 6.40 a. m., Charlotte 4.15 a. m.

The Northern Express will leave Atlanta 7.00 p. m., Charlotte 5.15 a. m., Salisbury 6.46 a. m., Goldsboro 11.50 a. m., Raleigh 4.35 p. m., Greensboro 8.22 a. m., Danville 3.50 a. m., Charlottesville 3.50 p. m., Alexandria 8.00 p. m., Washington 8.25 p. m.

Good connections are made at Washington to and from the north and northwest. Pullman sleeping cars between New York and Atlanta will be run on the New Orleans, Grecian, and the new hotel for the new hotel—the Grecian.

A passenger train on the Chapel Hill branch of the N. C. R. R. went through a trestle half a mile from Chapel Hill on the 14th inst. Six or eight people were seriously hurt, including Conductor Brown, Engineer May, bridge builder May and N. A. Steedman, of Raleigh. Nobody was killed.

—Joseph A. Creech, Raleigh, N. C., wishes to communicate with the family of the late Jonathan Carter, who served in the U. S. Navy, and afterwards in the Confederate States Navy during the late war. He removed to Shreveport, La., and died there after the war. His family then returned to North Carolina.

—Mr. J. A. Bostwick, of New York, gives Wake Forest College \$50,000 as an endowment, which with what the college already has, makes the grand total of \$164,000.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 16.—An adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond & Danville Railroad was held here to day, at which Col. A. S. Baford resigned as president of the company, and Alfred Sully, of New York, was unanimously elected as his successor. The following board of directors was then elected: Thomas M. Logan, J. B. Pace, H. D. Dooley and E. D. Christian, of Richmond; J. A. Rutherford, Geo. F. Stone, H. M. Flager, John H. Inman, Emmanuel Lehman, Isaac G. Rice, R. K. Dow and John G. Moore, of New York.

—Don't Experiment.

You cannot afford to waste time in experimenting when your lungs are in danger. Consumption always seems, at first, only a cold. Do not permit any dealer to impose upon you with some cheap demulcent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, but be sure you get the genuine.

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LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 17.—Factor Jones and Dick Bullock, two of the tour negroes who, a few days ago, murdered George Toffe in the Choctaw Nation, because he discovered them killing his cattle, and were released on \$400 bail, were caught by a mob on Wednesday, taken to the scene of the murder and riddled with bullets, each receiving not less than forty shots. Sandy Smith and Geo. Moss, the other murderers, are in jail awaiting trial.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

Curdling of New Milk.

When the milk of a cow curdles and becomes thick in two hours after it has been taken from the cow, it indicates an acid condition of the milk due to disease of the cow.

There are certain causes which produce an acid condition of the blood, and this condition is not healthful.

The healthy blood is slightly alkaline, and healthy milk is of the same character. Hence, as casein is soluble in an alkaline liquid, as long as the milk remains a fluid, the casein does not coagulate, as it does not affect the casein coagulates and the milk curdles. The remedy is to change the character of the blood, for milk is a direct product from the blood and partakes greatly of its character in this respect. Acidity of the blood produces rheumatism or stiffness of the muscles, and when the casein is coagulated it adheres along with this disease in the milk, it more certainly explains the cause of the latter.

Give the cow a pound of epsom salts and repeat in three days, then give one ounce daily of carbonate of soda in a bran mash.—*New York Times.*

The Hire I Man.

Curiously enough, the term "hired man" is only applied to a man that works on a farm, as though other men were not hired. There are many grades of hired men. A good one is cheap at high wages, and a bad or indifferent one is dear if he works for nothing and boards himself.

It is usually not seem to realize the position that such a man holds, nor is sufficient caution exercised in filling it. In the first place, the hired man is brought continually into contact with the boys on the farm. He has seen considerable of the world, at least more than they have, and his daily walk and conversation exert a material influence over them. Many a master has learned much from his teacher, yet the fathers of these have wondered at their deviations from the path of rectitude.

The hired man's pay is a small part that was hollowed out was large enough to allow four horseback riders to pass in and around without dismounting. One of these giants observed by Mr. D. Boyle, measures ten feet and eight inches in height. Spent not far from the town of Healesville, is one foot in length, while the largest of all still bears its branches in the Black Range of Perwick 300 feet from the ground. It is extremely difficult to imagine a tree of this height, and only by comparison can we realize it. The great cathedral at Strasburg, the tower being in the way, would feel high when overshadowed by this monster, and even Cheops, probably the greatest work of man, would be twenty feet below its topmost branches.

One of the strangest plants that have been introduced into California is the Welwitschia mirabilis, ordered by a gentleman in Los Angeles, and recently come by Dr. Welwitsch, some years ago. At one point, where the land rose to a height of about 400 feet, he found this plant, which may aptly be described as a gigantic dwarf. The stem was about four feet thick, enormous leaves that are the first put out in mind some time ago, and which have continued to grow to this strange plant from the seed can be watched with much interest, but there is a remarkable monotony about it, as when the two little leaves appear they grow on forever, lating through the life of the plant.

Among the many palms that may be seen in some of the places in this country timber of Borneo, is perhaps the most beautiful, and the palm leaves form a wonderful canopy. They rise almost vertically from the stem, dropping in graceful curves and forming plumes from the end of the palm, so common in South California, is the talipot, found in Coorg, Malabar, and Ceylon, and for various purposes, oil leaf being quite sufficient to keep the rain from ten or fifteen persons, while a commodious tent is made by sewing two or three of the leaves together.

Nowhere in the country could an herbarium be carried on so successfully as in Southern California. All the wonder flowers and plants that could possibly be found would undoubtedly thrive out doors. The lilies afford some remarkable creations.

One has a flower stem nearly a foot in circumference at the base, rising about for thirteen feet and bearing flowers as large or larger than a man's hand or closed fist. Of all the lilies, however, the Victoria is the queen, and its flower has a diameter of six inches, ranking among the largest of published books. The flower was discovered by Sir Robert Schomburgk, the naturalist, while on a collecting trip up the river Bererice, in South America. The leaf was six feet across, with a rim five and a half inches so that the whole constitutes a boat, and when open, like a whalebone.

These lilies have been raised in New Gardens in England, and on the place of the late Samuel J. Tilden in New York.

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